

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MINUTES OF NINTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 7 March 1950. Present were:

Item I. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Item II.

A letter dated 3 March 1950 from W. Park Armstrong of the Department of State was read and made a part of the files of the Board. The letter is a statement of the official State Department stand on the question of [] and is considered to be definitely favorable toward CIA's request for such facilities. It was ascertained that the State Department cable of instructions [] had been coordinated by the [] with only minor changes and had been dispatched the following day.

Item III.

Pictures of some of the proposed sites were circulated. A summary of the [] meeting held on 2 March was presented and after discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that the [] unofficial request for consolidation of facilities should be turned down verbally and unofficially on grounds of operational security. [] also requested that they be given a letter from the Director requesting that the [] site be negotiated on our behalf. The Recorder was directed to prepare such a letter for the Director's signature.

Item IV. Commo Support Program:

A new draft was presented incorporating the changes suggested at the last meeting. A chart of present and proposed communications facilities was submitted. A cover memorandum to the Director will be prepared to go with the plan, requesting approval and recommending that the plan be presented to the National Security Council.

Item V. Distribution of Cables:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

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Item VII. Agent Equipment:

It was decided to leave the present freeze on shipment of agent type equipment and the question is to be brought up at the next meeting.

Item VIII. New Business:

25X1 A cable [] was presented requesting approval for the
25X1 hiring of indigenous personnel as guards for the []. No objections
to this policy were raised.

25X1 The question of possible negotiations with [] for
25X1 the establishment of a base [] along the same lines as the []
25X1 [] was brought up and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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